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The Honorable Richard E. Lankford
House of Representatives
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Dear Mr. Lankford:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29 July with its enclosure of a letter to you from Mr. R. Lee Van Horn, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners for Prince George's County in Maryland.

In your letter you strongly urge that CIA give serious consideration to the selection of a site in Prince George's County for our new headquarters installation. As you know, we gave careful study to over 30 possible locations, several of which were in Maryland, before narrowing down our choice to two possible sites in the State of Virginia. This study has taken several months, in the course of which we have talked with representatives of the planning commissions of each of the Maryland counties surrounding the District. We have also had meetings with the Maryland representative on the Regional Planning Council and a representative of the Maryland Park and Planning Commission.

While it is true that if CIA locates its installation on the Government-owned land at Langley, Virginia it will be necessary to extend the George Washington Memorial Parkway from its present terminus below Chain Bridge to the Langley property, I wish to point out that the authorization for the Memorial Parkway from Mount Vernon to Great Falls has been on the statute books for 25 years, and its completion is a part of the master plan for the development of the road net for the metropolitan area. Therefore, its extension at this time is merely accelerating its extension which is scheduled to occur in the next few years in any event.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

The attached letter which has been prepared for your signature by the Legislative Counsel, is in reply to Mr. Richard E. Lankford's letter to you transmitting a letter from the Prince George's County Board of Commissioners concerning our new building's being located in their County. It states that we have given consideration to sites in Maryland and that the building of the approach roads have been on the statute books for 25 years, and this is merely speeding up completion of same.

Recommend signature.


Assistant Deputy Director
(Support)

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